

THS Summer Reading 2023

Independent reading has many benefits—it can improve vocabulary, reading comprehension, and writing skills. Most importantly, finding a book you truly enjoy and connect with can help you to foster a lifelong love of reading.

We will do independent reading each grading cycle at THS, and engaging in summer reading is a great way to start the year on a strong note. There will be an assessment over your chosen book that takes place within the first grading cycle of the 2023-2024 school year. This assessment will not be in the form of a multiple-choice test; rather, it will be something a bit more creative—with a focus on writing.

English I:

- **On-Level**—Read **1** fiction novel that is at least 200 pages in length. Below is a list of suggested books by genre.
- **AAC**—Read **1** fiction novel at least 250 pages long, Chapter [2 “Nice to Eat with You: Acts of Communion”](#) of *How to Read Literature like a Professor* by Thomas C. Foster, and the short story [“Huevos Estrellados”](#). Below is a list of suggested books by genre, and the short story is linked.

Book suggestions by genre

Sci-Fi/ Fantasy

- *Legend* by Mari Lu
- *Seafire* by Natalie C. Parker
- *Akata Witch* by Nnedi Okorafor
- *We Hunt the Flame* by Hafsah Faizal
- *Invictus* by Ryan Graudin
- *The Disasters* by M.K. England

Romance

- *The Sun is Also a Star* by Nicola Yoon
- *Another Kind of Cowboy* by Susan Juby
- *Better Than the Movies* by Lynn Painter
- *I Think I Love You* by Auriane Desombre

Realistic

- *A Short History of the Girl Next Door* by Jared Reck
- *City of Saints and Thieves* by Natalie C Anderson
- *The Art of Holding on and Letting Go* by Kristin Bartley Lenz
- *Like a Love Story* by Abdi Nazemian

Historical

- *Rhythm Ride: A Road Trip through the Motown Sound* by Andrea Davis Pinkney
- *Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You* by Jason Reynolds and Ibram X. Kendi
- *The Beholder* by Anna Bright
- *The Christie Affair* by Nina de Gramont

Sports

- *After the Shot Drops* by Randy Ribay
- *The Berlin Boxing Club* by Robert Sharenow
- *Cold Day in the Sun* by Sara Biran
- *Mexican White Boy* by Matt De La Pena

Thriller/ Mystery

- *A Good Girl's Guide to Murder* by Holly Jackson
- *One of Us is Lying* by Karen M. McManus
- *The Inheritance Games* by Jennifer Lynn Barnes
- *I Must Betray You* by Ruta Sepetys
- *Code of Honor* by Alan Gratz

English II:

- **On-Level**—Choose **1** of the following novels to read:
 - *Between Shades of Grey* by Ruta Sepetys
 - *The Poet X* by Elizabeth Acevedo
 - *Joy Luck Club* by Amy Tan
 - *Refugee* by Alan Gratz
 - *In the Shadows of Banyan* by Vaddey Ratner
 - *Black Out* by Dhonielle Clayton, Tiffany D. Jackson, Nic Stone
 - *Concrete Rose* Angie Thomas
 - *Patron Saints of Nothing* Randy Ribay
 - *Internment* by Samira Ahmed
 - *Catcher in the Rye* by JD Salinger
- **AAC**—Choose **2** of the following novels to read:
 - *Between Shades of Grey* by Ruta Sepetys
 - *The Poet X* by Elizabeth Acevedo
 - *Joy Luck Club* by Amy Tan
 - *Refugee* by Alan Gratz
 - *In the Shadows of Banyan* by Vaddey Ratner
 - *Black Out* by Dhonielle Clayton, Tiffany D. Jackson, Nic Stone
 - *Concrete Rose* Angie Thomas
 - *Patron Saints of Nothing* Randy Ribay
 - *Internment* by Samira Ahmed
 - *Catcher in the Rye* by JD Salinger

English III:

- **On-Level**— Read **1** of the following novels to read: *We Were Here* by Matt de la Pena, *Tyler Johnson Was Here* by Jay Coles, **OR** *If I Stay* by Gayle Forman
- **AP Language**— *Outliers* by Malcolm Gladwell and **FIVE** articles from various reputable sources following a news topic or current event of your choice throughout the summer. A useful way to follow a subject is to use Google Alerts (<https://www.google.com/alerts>). Be sure to select NEWS as your source.

English IV:

- **On-Level**— Read **1** of the following novels:
 - *Parable of the Sower* by Octavia E. Butler
 - *The Hobbit* by J. R. R. Tolkien
 - *Dune* by Frank Herbert
 - *The War of Two Queens* by Jennifer L. Armentrout
 - *The Book of Cold Cases* by Simone St James
 - *The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue* by V.E. Schwab
 - *Cloud Cuckoo Land* by Anthony Doerr
 - *The Fountains of Silence* by Ruta Sepetys
 - *Get a Life Chloe Brown* by Talia Hibbert
- **AP Literature**—*All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr.

Resources:

You may purchase your book from Amazon or a local bookstore, or you can find free books below to borrow from an online source or local library. Utilize goodreads.com for summaries, reviews, and more information about potential books. If you are wanting to up your level of rigor, see the attached list of [Advanced Placement \(AP\) List of Novels Tested Since 1971](#).

The following online resources will be available all summer and are all accessible through 1Link:

- [Sora](#) has a large selection of eBooks and audiobooks. Most of these are single-user access, but there are about 300 that are available to multiple students at once.
- [JLG \(Junior Library Guild\)](#) has a rotation of multi-user access eBooks and audiobooks. Titles are available for about 3 months at a time. They are all recently published, and they are all available to multiple students at once.
- [Destiny Discover](#) through the THS library catalog

Here are public libraries near you for curbside checkout:

- [The Mission Bend Branch of the Fort Bend County Libraries](#)
- <https://www.fortbend.lib.tx.us/basic-page/books-more-curbside-pick-service>